



Clarkston 2014 Tree Lighting

The night skies over Clarkston glowed on December 4th with the annual Tree Lighting Event. A crowd of 300 adults and children showed up at the Clarkston Woman's Club to enjoy musical entertainment provided by the Proskuneo School of the Arts

and Indian Creek Elementary School. A special dance presentation was performed by members of the Clarkston First Baptist Church.

The Clarkston Public Works Department provided a spectacular fireworks show that thrilled the crowds who were waiting for the arrival of a special guest. Santa Claus arrived at the festivities by DeKalb County Fire Truck and with the help of the kids, the Clarkston Tree was illuminated.

Kids with their parents waited patiently in line for their chance to sit with Santa and take pictures. Clarkston staff provided 150 gift bags for the children and punch, cookies and doughnuts were available for all attending guests. Everyone attending agreed the event was a tremendous success and Clarkston Mayor Ted Terry was excited for how the event can grow each year. "This is an opportunity for the community to come together and enjoy a festive event that celebrates children."

Moore Joins GMA Board of Directors



Clarkston, Ga. – City of Clarkston Councilmember Dean Moore was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) recently.

Based in Atlanta, GMA is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides legislative advocacy, educational, employee benefit and technical assistance services to its 520 member cities.

Moore will represent the cities in the Eastern Metro-Atlanta area on the board, including cities in DeKalb and Rockdale counties.

“We are pleased to have Councilmember Moore taking on this leadership position,” said GMA Executive Director Lamar Norton. “He’s well respected by his colleagues, and

I’m sure he’ll provide great leadership to the cities in his district.”

Moore has been an active member of the Clarkston community as a citizen, a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee and as a 2nd term Councilmember. Moore currently serves as the chairperson of the Clarkston Active Living Initiative (CALI) and is a charter graduate of the Clarkston 101 Citizen Education Program.

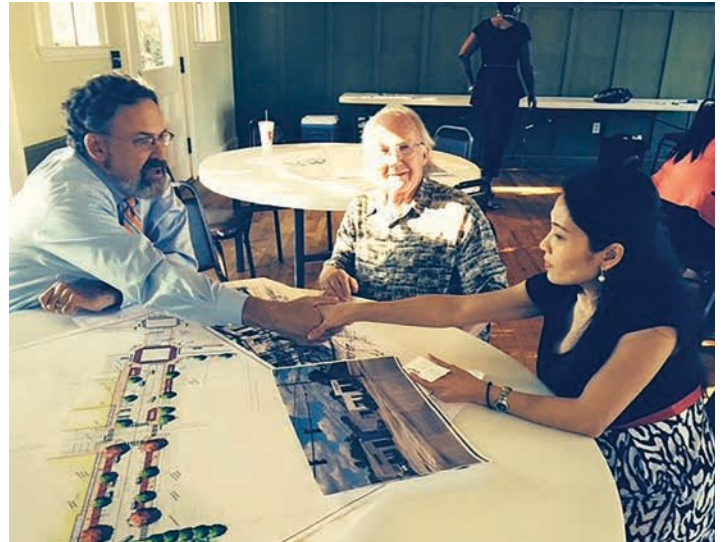
Recently Moore completed a two month trip to Nairobi, Kenya, where he met with local elected officials and community leaders to coordinate efforts to bring clean drinking water to impoverished villages. “It presented a rare glimpse that reinforces the importance of a strong and functioning infrastructure like we have here in Georgia,” Mr. Moore observed.

“I am honored to be chosen for this post,” says Mr. Moore. “The GMA staff and programs have been a tremendous resource for the City of Clarkston and all its member cities. I look forward to representing the Eastern Metro-Atlanta region in a positive and effective manner.”

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Public Meeting #3
Tuesday, February 10, 2015 @ 6:30 PM
Clarkston Community Center
3701 College Avenue
Clarkston, Georgia 30021

For more information, visit clarkstonlci.wordpress.com or www.visualizeclarkston.com/lci-update



City Meets With Commercial Business and Residential Owners to Discuss Streetscape Project

The City of Clarkston's Streetscape and Pedestrian Enhancement Project will impact 69 residential and commercial properties along the project corridor. Understanding the importance of communicating with those impacted property owners early in the process, the City convened two rounds of meetings for owners to review the streetscape design concepts and proposed enhancements. The meetings also engaged owners in a discussion regarding the potential challenges prior to construction, during construction and post-construction.

The first round of commercial and residential property owner and business owner meetings occurred on Thursday, October 2nd and Friday, October 3rd, 2014 at the Clarkston Women's Club. Ninety-seven formal letters of invitation were mailed to all property addresses and owner addresses in the impacted area 10 days in advance of the meetings. In addition, the City's public relations team Contente Consulting,

canvassed the commercial corridors of E Ponce de Leon Avenue and Market Street speaking with property and business owners and conducting follow up calls with absentee landlords and business owners regarding the upcoming meetings and scheduling appointments. Several owners met with City Manager Keith Barker, Ron Huffman, Project Manager (AMEC) and Larry Kaiser, City of Clarkston's Program Manager (Collaborative Infrastructure Services, Inc.) over two days to review the design concepts and discuss project impacts. The owners provided comments and expressed enthusiasm regarding the streetscape beautification and enhancement program and its potential to spur economic development opportunities in the City of Clarkston.

Round two of property/ business owner meetings occurred on Wednesday, December 3rd and Friday, December 5th, 2014 at the Clarkston City Hall Annex. Due to the interest and excitement ex-

pressed by the various business and property owners contacted, the City extended the round 2 meetings through December 12th to better accommodate owner schedules. Unlike round one, more emphasis was placed on the commercial corridor. Fifty-four letters of invitation were disseminated to the commercial property/ business owners along E Ponce de Leon Avenue, Market Street and Church Street that were unable to attend the October meetings. The City's public relations team also canvassed the commercial areas and conducted follow-up calls to schedule appointments. Over the course of several days, City staff and the Program Manager met with 6 property/ business owners, presented the concepts and received feedback. Through canvassing efforts for the property/ business owner meeting, the City's public relations team has made direct contact with approximately 50 property owners, business owners or managers.

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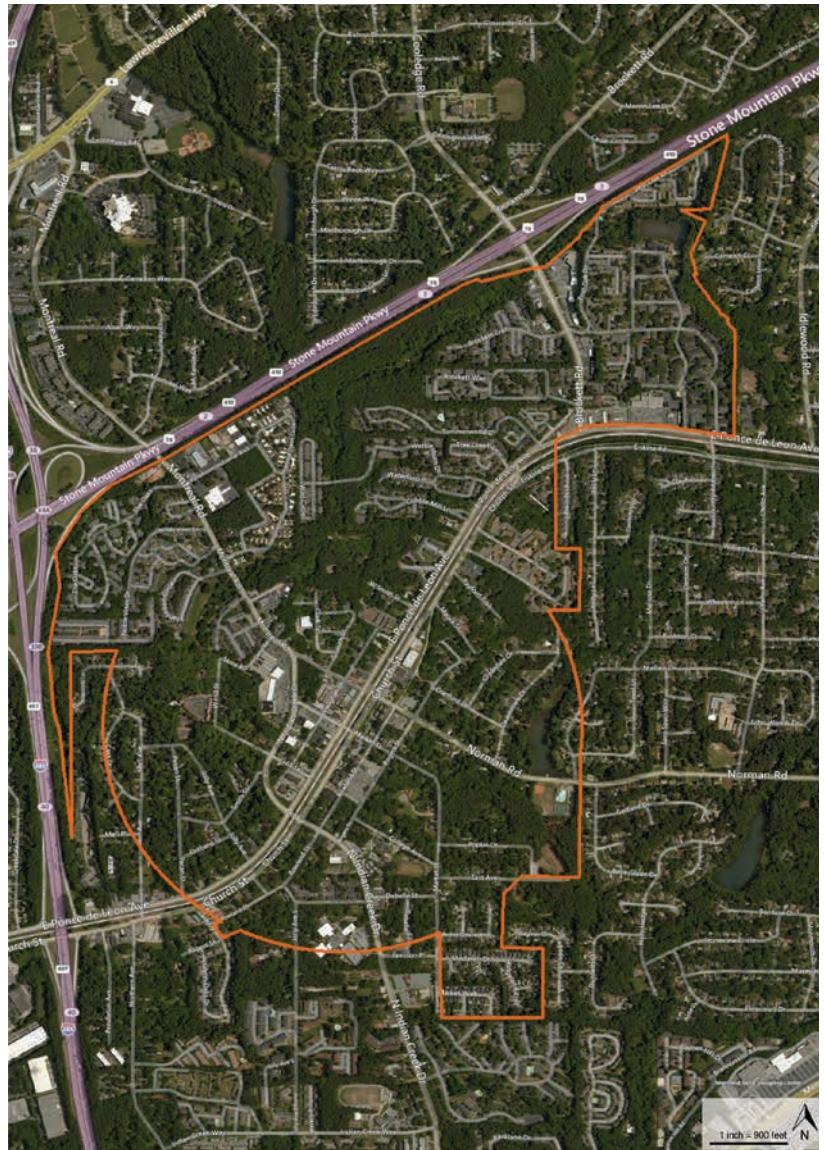
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Clarkston to Add 8 Police Officers Due to Annexation

Clarkston is growing and looking for police officers to handle the thousands of extra residents it will take on in January. The city of Clarkson is getting nearly 6,000 new residents after 72% of the voters in the new area voted to join the city.

Clarkston will take on a portion of unincorporated DeKalb County on Brockett Road from E. Ponce de Leon to Highway 78 and on E. Ponce de Leon from Brockett Road to Idlewood, a densely populated part of the county that has seen its share of crime.

“It is going to be a challenge, but it’s nothing that the Clarkston Police Department can’t handle. We’ll be proactive,” said Police Chief Christine Hudson. The Clarkston Police Department will be proactive in conducting community and business patrols in the newly annexed areas. Clarkston Officers will do “park and walks” in the business areas to include the apartment complexes. Chief Hudson and Assistant Chief Brown will also be patrolling in the new area and will be available to meet with concerned citizens and business owners.



2015 Winter/Spring Projects

Winter and Spring of 2015 will be a very busy time for the City Public Works Department. In keeping with our mission to improve and maintain City infrastructure in an excellent manner the City Manager, Keith Barker, and Public Works Director, Rodney Beck, have established upcoming projects in addition to the daily activities of the Department.

Stormwater Outfall trench overgrowth clearing/cleaning:

- Trench between Market Crescent and MacLaren Drive
- Trench from Rogers Street to Norman Road
- Trench along West Smith Street to Friendship Forest

Right of way refurbishing at the corner of Market Street and East Ponce de Leon

- Cleaning and removal of old bushes and debris

- New sidewalk installed
- Bedding Plants installation

Annexation Area of the City

East Ponce de Leon:

- Railroad track embankment clearing
- Curb cleaning

Brockett Road:

- Curb cleaning
- Sidewalk repair

Clarkston Women’s Club Facility

- Repair and painting exterior of facility

Overview of Clarkston Municipal Court/Records Divisions

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., except on days when court is held.

Background checks are performed Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Phone Number (404) 292-9465

Hours and dates of Court:

1st Tuesday of every month 8:00 a.m. – Trial Court

The 2nd Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5:30 p.m. – Arraignment Court

The 3rd Monday 5:30 p.m. – Arraignment Court

(Court days may have to occasionally be rearranged due to holidays)

In addition to court services, our office also performs background checks, state and local only, and Record Restrictions (formerly known as expungements) for Clarkston Police arrest only, along with providing copies of incident reports, accident reports, and dispositions, all for various fees.

We do not provide copies of your driver's history/record; this can only be obtained through DDS.

Now that you have a traffic citation, what's next?

There are two categories of citations:

Citations you may pay prior to court (Please Note: If you pay your citation(s) prior to court and it is a moving violation or a violation that has to be sent to the state, it will be sent in as a bond forfeiture and you may incur points on your license).

Citations that are "Must Appear". Some examples of "Must Appear" are:

Driving Under the Influence

Driving While License are Suspended/Revoked

Any Charge involving an Accident

Driving While Unlicensed

Reckless Driving

Fleeing or Attempting to Elude

Suspended Registration

If your citation is not a "must appear", you may pay it any time prior to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday up until 4:30 p.m. of your day of court, in person in the office, with cash or credit/debit cards. We do not accept checks. You may also pay it on-line or by phone with your credit/debit cards. All payments using credit/debit cards, in office, on-line or by phone are charged a convenience fee.

If your citation is a "must appear", or you want to contest your citation, you must appear in court on your scheduled court date and time.

If you do not appear in court or pay your fine prior to court, a warrant will be issued for your arrest and a contempt/warrant fee will be added to your fine amount. Your citation will be sent in to the Department of Driver Services (DDS) as a Failure to Appear and your license will be suspended.

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Clarkston Police Outreach

When most people think of Police Officers, they think of fighting crime and issuing citations. But Clarkston Officers take every measure to make community outreach and supporting our students as priority.

Recently, local resident Bill Ruck reported to Chief Criss Hudson that he and his son had a positive interaction with Sgt. Lewis and Officer J. Elliott. He advised that in November his 8 year old son Evin was somewhat afraid after they were involved in a traffic stop for a defective headlight. Mr. Ruck was surprised by his son's reaction, as he wanted to introduce him to police officers so he will know it's safe to go to them in a time of need and that they are not to be feared. On December 4th, he had a chance to introduce Evin to another police officer, Sgt. Lewis. Mr. Ruck told Sgt. Lewis about his son's fear of the police and how he wanted his help in overcoming this fear. "He introduced us to Officer Elliott and both Sgt. Lewis and Officer Elliott took the time to explain why they do what they do. I wish I had footage of watching my sons face go from an expression of fear to one of joy by talking with these men," stated Ruck. Sgt. Lewis



had to get back to his shift. I thanked him for the job he does. Officer Elliott took a little more time showing Evin the inside of the police vehicle with the flashing lights and the dash camera. They gave him a police badge sticker that he has proudly worn and showed to his friends at school. He was also able to tell those kids what he learned about police officers, that you have no

reason to fear them and they are there to keep people safe."

Mr. Ruck said he felt it was important to notify Chief Hudson of this interaction. He felt that Clarkston is lucky to have Sgt. Lewis and Officer Elliott, not just as good police officers doing their job but that they took extra steps to make sure a young mind understands

why we have and need the police.

This is not an isolated instance of Sgt. Lewis and Officer Elliott doing outreach to the community youth. On December 3rd, they visited Ms. Dawson's class at Jolly Elementary to speak about the work of the police and answer any questions from the students.

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